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Caledonian Mercury:

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An Account of all the most considerable NEWS,
Foreign and Domestic.

Edinburgh, Thursday, January 30, 1724.

From the Evening Post, January 25, 1724.

Since our Last arrived two Mails from France.

Madrid, Jan. 11.

Letters from Cadix, dated the 31st of last Month, advise, That Don Carlos Grillo, Lieutenant General, sailed away that Day for Terra Firma, with the Galleons under his Command. Don Castel Fuerte, who is appointed Governor of Peru, took that Opportunity to repair to that Kingdom.

Paris, Jan. 26, The Count de Buy, Brother of the Count de Broglio, is appointed Ambassador to the Court of Great Britain.

This Week arrived several Couriers from Madrid, with Advice, that the King of Spain has not only Abdicated the Crown, but that moreover his Majesty did set it with his own Hands on the Head of the Prince of Asturias, his Son. That extraordinary Event has occasioned at this Court the holding of many extraordinary Councils: And tho' the Marshal de Tesse, who is appointed Ambassador to the Court of Madrid, is already on his Journey, the Government has thought fit to send also thither the Count de Robin, who is well acquainted with that Court.

London, Jan. 25. The Prince of Asturias, now King of Spain, has changed the Ministry, who consist all of Spaniards.

Thursday last there was a general Council, when the Irish Bills were reported and agreed to.

'Tis said Cardinal Alberoni is going to Spain, to be prime Minister.

This Day at Noon, South Sea Stock was 115 one Half, South Sea Annuities 101 three eight Parts; Bank 126; India 145; African 23 three Quarters; York-Buildings 10 one Eighth.

From

From the Flying Post.

Moscow, Decembe, 24. On the 20th, the Express which went thro' this Place the 8th Instant, from Constantinople for Petersburg, returned back with the Czar's Answer to the last Proposals to the Ottoman Porte. 'Tis said that his Czarish Majesty continues firm in his Resolution to maintain his Conquests in Persia, and that there are 10 Millions of Rubbles laid up in the Military Chest to carry on the War against the Turks. We are assured that the Prince de Menzikof, who is expected here every Day, will have the chief Command of our Troops on the Banks of the Pruth, and that Admiral Cruys is to have the chief Command of our Naval Forces. On the 22d the Purveyor of the Court arrived here, to settle the Quarters for their Czarish Majesties Retinue. The principal Merchants and Burghers of this City, are making great Preparations to receive the Court with Joy and Splendor.

Petersburg, January 6th. Our Troops are still on the March, Part towards the Pruth, and Part towards the Frontiers of Persia. There is an uncertain Rumour, that the Prince de Czeremetoff was apprehended by the Turks as he was returning to Moscow. Expresses arrive here daily, some from the Frontiers of Persia, and others from Constantinople, who all agree, that the Turks continue to march great Bodies to Persia, to take in the chief Towns and Provinces of that Country; but that the Horse Tail is not yet displayed at Constantinople. We infer from hence, that their Design is to advance as far as they can into Persia, before they come to a Rupture with the Czar. Meantime the Moscovites are every where upon their Guard. 'Tis computed that they have above forty Thousand regular Troops in the Towns and Provinces about the Caspian Sea. Their Infantry is commanded by the Prince de Galiczin, and the Cavalry by the Prince Trouberskoy. They have also in the Ukrain an Army of 40000 Men, regular Soldiers, well furnished with all Necessaries, and ready to march whenever they are wanted. They have moreover 30000 Men of regular Troops in the Heart of the Empire, not reckoning the Cossacks, Calmucks, Circassians, and Tartars, who have also Orders to be ready for a March upon the first Notice.

Rome, January 8th. Ever since Sunday last, we have had Rejoicings here made by the Portuguese Ambassador on the Birth of the fourth Infanta of Portugal. His Excellency went that Day to St. Francis's Church to sing *Te Deum*, with one of the most numerous Trains that ever was seen; for he had invited all the Nobility in Town, Foreigners as well as Roman; and when he returned to his House, he treated them with Plenty of Refreshments. That and the two following Nights, his Excellency gave them the Diversion of a very fine Pastoral in Music, which was represented on a Theatre erected for the Purpose at his own House. All the Cardinals and other Prelates were present; and that the Pretender and his Lady might be there unknown; the Pope allowed a Masquerade; nevertheless the Roman Princesses and other Ladies, tho' invited, excused themselves from going, because they would have no Dispute with Madam de St. George about Precedency.

The Minister of Parma has been to congratulate Cardinal Alberoni, by Order;

Order from his Master, upon the happy Turn of his Affairs, and it is not doubted but a Consistory will be held next Week, in which the Pope will give him the red Hat ; for the Pope's Secretary has given him Notice to prepare to receive it with the usual Formalities of Installation. Last Monday Night the said Cardinal and the Princeſs de Piombino were magnificently regaled at the Palace of the Chevalier de St. George, who returned him the Viſit next Morning, and had a long Conference with him. The ſmall Pox makes a great Havock at Naples.

Genoa, January 8th. Signior Dominic Negroni, our new Doge, is to be crowned this Day with a World of State and Grandeur ; upon which Occaſion Te Deum is to be ſung to Morrow, and there will be a ſumptuous Entertainement, to which above 265 Ladies and Gentlemen are already invited.

Milan, January 8th. Monday laſt the Undertakers of our Opera, together with our Governor General, and moſt of the Nobility, celebrated a ſolemn Maſs to the Honour of St. Anthony, in Hopes that as he is the only Saint who *inſures againſt Fire*, their Theatre may, by his Interceſſion, be preſerved from ſuch a Calamity.

Venice, January 14th. Monday laſt the Carnival was opened here with the uſual Formality ; and ſeveral Foreigners of Diſtinction, particularly two young Engliſh Lords, are arrived to partake of the Diverſions.

Stockholm, January 11th. On Chriſtmas-Day laſt their Swediſh Maſſeſſies went to the German Church here, which was illuminated with 200 Wax Candles, where was a Sermon in the Morning and another in the Afternoon ; and when divine Service was over, there was a very fine Conſort of Muſick. We never had ſuch mild Weather in the preſent Season of the Year, as we have at this Time.

Vienna January 13th. It appears by the annual Bill of Mortality, that there died laſt Year in this City and Suburbs 5443 Perſons. The Hereditary Prince of Lorain has turned away all his Country-men, and keeps no Officers about his Houſhold but Germans. 'Tis ſaid that the Elector of Bavaria's Miniſters deſired the Emperor to recommend the new Elector of Cologne to the Chapter of Liege to be their Biſhop ; but that the Emperor ſaid, he had already promiſed to recommend the Prince and Cardinal of Saxe Zeits.

Han. Jan. 21. On the 19th the Baron de Bulau, Miniſter of State, gave a ſumptuous Feaſt and Ball upon Account of the Marriage of the young Baron his Nephew, with the Counteſs of Platen, which was ſolemnized on the 12th Inſtant, in Preſence of Prince Frederick and the chief Nobility.

Berlin, January 21ſt. The Mortality among the Cattle has made ſuch Ravage in the Territory of Halberſtad, and ſpreads ſo faſt towards this Neighbourhood, that Sunday laſt Prayers were put up in all our Churches, that GOD would pleaſe put a Stop to the Diſtemper. The King has publiſhed an Ediſt againſt all foreign Jews.

Liege, January 26th. The Cardinal de Saxe Zeits is arrived here, and has been received by his Friends with great Marks of Joy. The Chapter only waits the Return of an Expreſs they have ſent to Vienna, in order to proceed to the Election ; but the 28 Canons are ſtill ſo much upon the Reſerve, that no Body can be ſure on whom it will fall.

Hague, Jan. 28. Some Advices from Cambray ſay, That the Congreſs will

will be opened there on the 15th of February next, the Birth Day of the King of France. M. Le Cocq. the Polish Minister, is arrived here from Hanover, with a Design to go over to London, as the Wind serves.

From the Flying-Post, Jan. 25.

Rome, Jan. 1. On Christ-mass-day last, the Pope performed the usual Ceremony, of blessing the Sword, which the Popes are wont to send to the Princes who make War against the Infidels. On the 29th, the Cardinals went to the English Church, where they celebrated the Festival of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

Paris, Jan. 26. Letters of December 20 from Petersburg say, That the Turks which penetrated into Persia through Georgia, have been routed by the Forces of the young Sophi, and forced to retire with Loss to Tiflis.

The Funeral of the late Duke of Orleans is put off to the 10th of the next Month. On the 22d, About half an Hour past Six at Night, as a Waterman was fishing under the Port-royal, something fell into his Boat, which when he took up, he found to be the Head of a Man in a Leather-cap. He carried it to a Commissary, who sent it to be put into the Cage for publick View; and next Day it was found to be the Head of one who trafficked thereabouts, and had about 15 Shares in his Pocket, which was without Doubt the Reason of his being murdered, but his Body cannot yet be found. The King intends to spend part of the Lent-season at the Castle of Marli.

The Cardinal de Rohan has opened an Assembly in his Library, where Men of Wit and Learning meet regularly for Conversation. The King gets into Mourning again three Weeks, for the Death of the Duke of Tuscany.

Thursday last, the Duke of Ancafter, Lord great Chamberlain of England, was sworn of by his Majesty's Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Jan. 25.

Notwithstanding that the Report mentioned in our Last, of his Catholic Majesty's Renouncing the Kingdom of Spain, and Surrendering it to his Son the Prince of Asturias, was lookt upon as groundless and ridiculous, and a mere Artifice of the Stockjobbers; yet the Truth thereof is confirmed by two French Mails which arrived Yesterday, as appears from the following Letter, viz.

" *Paris, Jan. 29.* Several Expresses from Madrid have arrived this Week at Versailles, and brought News that the King of Spain has not only resigned his Throne to the Prince of Asturias, but has also Crowned him with his own Hands; which has occasioned the holding of several extraordinary Councils: And tho' the Marshal de Tesse is already set out from hence on his Embassy to Spain, the Count de Robin, being better acquainted at that Court, is likewise sent thither.

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This News is of such an extraordinary Nature, as occasions a general Surprize. As the People are not at present able to penetrate into the real Causes of his Catholic Majesty's taking such a Step, do however give out, That his Catholic Majesty is a little ——— in his Brain, so as not any longer to be able to bear the Administration of the Government: Others will have it to be, from a religious Devotion of his Majesty to spend the Remainder of his Days in a Convent. If either of these be true, we can be under no Apprehension of ill Consequences arising from this Proceeding: But 'tis feared by others there is something more at the Bottom, which will not a little disappoint our Expectations at the Cambray Congress.

P. S. Private Letters from France give the following Account:

The King of Spain having convened a grand Council, and several of his principal Nobility, acquainted them, that his State of Health was greatly impaired within the Space of three Years, by his great Application to Business, which he was not able to bear any longer, and was now fully resolved to resign the Government of the Spanish Monarchy to his eldest Son the Prince of Asturias, hoping that they would be as faithful and loyal to him, he being born a Spaniard in their own Nation, as they had been to him, during the whole Course of his Reign; adding, that he was resolved to retire and live the rest of his Life in Religion and Piety. Upon which they beseeched his Majesty to continue the Government, and the Prince of Asturias on his Knees begging the same of his Father; but his Majesty gave his Secretary a Writing, ordering him to read it, by which he assigned over all his Revenues to his Son, after which his Majesty retired; and the Marquis Grimaldi declared, that he having had the chief Management of Affairs under his Majesty several Years, was resolved to quit his Employment and follow his Master; after which the Queen did the same, and all three retired to a Country-seat of the King's. The young King was proclaimed, a native Spanish Nobleman made chief Secretary and Minister of State; and 'tis said, that all Places in the Government for the future will be managed by native Spaniards.

Yesterday the Commons in a Committee upon Ways and Means, resolved that two Shillings in the Pound be laid on all Lands, Tenements, &c. and ordered that an Accompt be laid before them of the Produce of the Malt-tax in Scotland, for seven Years past.

This Day a List of the Officers in Half Pay for Land and Sea-Service, as also an Estimate of the Rebuilding of Ships for the Year 1724 were presented to the Commons. We have the good News from St. Christophers, that Captain Moor in the Eagle-Sloop, discovering a Pirate-Sloop of 10 Guns and 40 Men, commanded by Lowther carreening at the Island of Blamo, boarded her and took her with 24 of her Men; but Lowther and ten more jumped over board, and escaped, however four of them were afterwards taken by a Spanish Canoe: And 'tis hoped Lowther and the rest would be also taken. 'Tis said that Counsellor Werge will be elected Member for East-Loth in Cornwall, in Room of Mr. Lownds deceased. The Lord Beaulair, second Son to the Duke of St. Albans, is chosen Member for Chichester, in Room of the now Duke of Richmond. South-Sea is 115 and Half.

Edinburgh, January 30. Yesterday one George Cowan, a Glasgow Merchant, stood in the Pillory here, with this Inscription on his Breast, *George Cowan, a notorious Fraudulent Bankrupt.*

Haddingtoun, January 22, 1724.

Best Wheat, L. 7. sh. 16, 2d Ditto, L. 07. sh. 12. 3d Ditto, L. 07. sh. 10
 Best Bear, L. 08. sh. 00. 2d Ditto, L. 07. sh. 16. 3d Ditto, L. 07. sh. 14
 Best Oats, L. 06. sh. 04. 2d Ditto, L. 06. sh. 00. 3d Ditto, L. 06. sh. 16
 Best Pease, L. 07. sh. 00. 2d Ditto, L. 06. sh. 16. 3d Ditto, L. 06. sh. 14

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[*] The Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs do hereby give Notice, That they have received a Letter without Name, dated at Perth the 8th Instant, relating to Frauds committed in that Revenue: And if the Person who wrote the said Letter will attend them, and make Proof of the Facts therein contained, he will have all fitting Encouragement and Protection.

[1] Whereas there having been a former Advertisement published and continued in the News-papers for some Time, concerning the Creditors of David Earl of Northesk, for Signing of the Submission, and Producing their Interests; and Mr. John Ogilvie of Balbegao and Mr. John Forbes of Newhall, Advocates, Arbiters in the Submission, being met, and the Creditors, Signing and Producing their Interests, being present by themselves or their Doers, and insisting to be preferr'd according to their Interests produc'd: The saids Arbiters continued the Consideration thereof until the Fourteenth Day of February next, that the other Creditors might have Time to give in their Interests; and appointed this Advertisement to be made in the News-papers: With Certification, That they will then proceed in the Ranking, according to their Powers in the Submission.

[S] There is lately come from the River of Sevil in Spain, — Purset of fine red Sevil Oranges and good Limons, to be sold at Eight Pence per Dozen, at 40 or 35 shil. sterl. in whole Chests: As also, good China Oranges, Chestnuts, Walnuts, Spanish Nuts, Onions, red Herrings. All sold at reasonable Rates, at the first Loft in the Weigh-house in Leith.

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N. B. The 4th Quarter of this Year commenced the 28th of this In-
 stant Month of January: Therefore 'tis expected the Subscribers
 will pay in this Quarter with their former Arrears.

